

Minutes of the Hanover Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting held September 8, 2015

Present: Kelly Gilroy, Steve Geddes, Gina Halpin, Mike Tivnan Chairman, Michelle Cavallaro, Ed Alicea, Lauren Rodday and Art Ceurvels

Also Present: Jason Trask (South Shore Baseball), Frank Niles (South Shore Baseball), John Abbon (Street Hockey), John Mahoney (Street Hockey), Jay Cavallaro (Fire Dept, Touch a Truck)

Meeting called to order at 7:20pm

South Shore Baseball Club Summer Camp Proposal

Frank-year round camps and clinics, based out of Hingham. Currently run this camp in Hingham and looking to add Hanover

Week long camps (see attachment), in years past have run this camp in Braintree but attendance has declined and interested in using Forge Pond Park and/or Ellis

Fully insured

Looking to start as soon as Hanover School gets out

Jason-has spoken with Gary Zielinski (HYAA) to see if there would be an interest and Gary feels it is something our children could benefit from

Would bring in participants from surrounding Towns as well

Full Day and Half Day Camp

Mike- What type of partnership would this bring to Hanover? We like this idea, Forge Pond Park has bathrooms and concessions with could bring income to concession money during the day as well

Mike- How does it work?

Jason- Very quickly lay down the law of camp rules, very aware of the fact this is an outdoor camp, keep kids hydrated and stay cool. Start at 8:30, morning attendance, learn the kids names, play two games, skills, lunch, etc. (see attachment for detailed information) Games are 10-11:30, lunch, back out at 12:30 for example

Lauren-Rain Plan? They would give the participants the option to go to Hingham's camp as a make up

Lauren-Looking at last year's fertilization schedule there might be a conflict for one week, that is the only thing that could interfere

Mike- Camp is first, fertilize second. They can fertilize after the camp, this is a partnership that will be successful.

We will get back to Frank and Jason with an answer

Street Hockey Proposal

John Abbon and John Mahoney are interested in building a street hockey rink in Hanover as hockey is very big in Hanover.

John Mahoney has background in this.

After meeting with Art and Mike they feel they have found the perfect spot and feel they can fundraise to build this. Mike presents that if they are privately fundraising to build this we can help by finding a location and the tennis courts at the center of Town are

underused and the High School has beautiful courts for others to go to and the volleyball court also goes unused so that area could be perfect.

Steve-How much space do you need?

Mahoney-The tennis courts are actually the perfect size and he has already reached out to some companies about resurfacing the tennis courts

Art- The tennis courts are 60x120

Mahoney- approx. \$55-60K total price

Abbon-Would like to put together a Committee to move this forward

Mike- It is just outside historic area but could run some bushes in front of it

Lauren-In terms of maintenance, what do you need from us? From DPW?

Mahoney- Should be similar to as often needing to resurface a basketball court. The nets coming inside for the winter would be helpful and beneficial. Possibly set up a trust fund with the Town as a rainy day fund for any future unforeseen issues that could arise

Michelle- In terms of maintenance, doesn't want it getting ruined over the course of the years...need a maintenance plan.

Abbon- He would send his team over (Hanover High School) to help

Mike- We would need to encourage a schedule to allow for leagues and pick-up games, healthy mix

Steve- Needs to spend extra upfront so it is done right

Mike- We need to vote as a Committee to allow them to use this space before they start fundraising

Motion- Gina makes the motion to provide the space that is now the space of the tennis court at B. Everett Hall Field for the use of the future street hockey court subject to the approval and final design of the street hockey court, Ed seconds it. All in Favor.

Touch a Truck-how we'd like to see funds used

Jay- 4th year running this event

First Year-funds went towards American Liver Foundation in memory of one of their own

Second Year-funds went to Hanover Food Pantry

Third Year-fund went to AED at Forge Pond Park

This year they'd like to put the funds towards playgrounds, whether it be rehab existing playground or towards something new. They are leaning towards repairing an existing playground

Mike-Would we want to put something at Gallant? At Forge Pond Park? Or repair existing?

Michelle- If you are going to start something new, Forge Pond Park is new and beautiful and that is probably a better location for a new structure rather than start something else at Gallant Field. Concern about going new is how to we pitch to the Town to have a new playground when our existing one isn't in good shape and we can't maintain our existing one.

Mike- April should have \$4000 in Friends account from benches and \$5000 from Griffin family so there should be a good base for a playground, we need to find out how much money is in the Friends account for October meeting

Art- We could expand and make the playground useable for all ages

Michelle- Might be better to improve existing before starting something at Forge Pond Park because we should be able to show that we can maintain our existing playground
Mike-Doesn't feel we can ask for money for a new playground from Town, but we could possibly ask for money to repair the existing playground to make it safe
Jay-We don't know how much money we will make, it truly depends on the weather
Art & Lauren will find out what the cost would be to bring B. Everett Hall Field Playground up to speed and report back to Committee

Permit Policy Approval

Mike- I think they came out good, permit approval stands

New Discipline Procedure Approval

Kelly-I think it's a good idea

Motion- Kelly makes the motion to approve the discipline procedure as written, Ed seconds it, all in favor.

Miscellaneous Discussion

Motion-Mike to make the motion to keep the logo that has the blue background with yellow H and tree as the Parks & Rec logo, Kelly seconds, all in favor.

Lauren updates everyone on summer, we had a great summer and rough draft numbers looks like we made out well, we can get creative next summer and make camp one week sessions and increase prices as suggested by Committee. Have a sign up deadline ex. \$100 by 6/15 after 6/15 \$125

Lauren updates everyone on partnership with YMCA with the 5K, update on Flag Football using Forge Pond Park, Town is using the Laura Center for Volunteer Appreciation Day

Lauren updates everyone on process of finding a home for programs
Boys Club is available for Kids Klub Playgroup
On the Library and COA agendas for their September meetings

Art-Bandstand bids close tomorrow for foundation, Votech will start construction in October

Art- Honor Garden Memorial would like to be at Bandstand and will be looking for your blessing, looking for something along parade route

Art, Gate- What is the Committee's opinion on the gate for major holidays?
Committee feels if it is advertised cars can park outside of gate (maybe move gate back to allow for more cars to fit) for gate keeper to have major holidays off (Christmas Day & New Year's Day). Thanksgiving might be an issue or ask a counselor who is home from break to do it.

Ed- Calls about college tournaments/showcases and states and adults at Forge Pond Park...needs to fix the backstop before anyone can use it, is it ever going to be fixed?
Mike-we should probably have a meeting with the DPW, Lauren will set this up for this fall

Last meeting minutes reviewed, Steve makes a motion to accept them and Mike seconded it. All in favor.

Kelly moves to adjourn. Ed seconds the motion.

VOTE - All in favor

Adjournment at 9:25pm